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- 4 A local boy has an internship with NASA's Johnson Space Center.
- 6 And five teams compete in a local golf scramble.

All this and much more as The Enterprise reports in this week's industrious edition!

Emergency personnel to be honored Friday

The Howardwick Friendship Club will have its July meeting this Friday in the Howardwick City Park at 6:30 p.m.

Winfred McQueen will bring the entertainment for this evening, which is dedicated to local emergency personnel.

Everyone is invited to come and bring homemade ice cream, chips, sandwiches, or finger food for this potluck event. And don't forget the lawn chairs either.

Golf tourney to benefit child welfare board

The fourth annual Chippin' for the Children golf tournament to benefit the Donley County Child Welfare Board will be held this Saturday at the Clarendon Country Club.

Cash prizes will be awarded to first, second, and third place teams in this four-person scramble. Door prizes will be given away throughout the day, and a cash prize will be awarded for the closest to the pin on hole five.

There will also be a \$15,000 prize for a hole in one on number 15.

Entry fee is \$40. To register or for more information, call Marketa Howard at 874-3041.

Clarendon to host TV news crew next week

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce and Donley County Extension will host a Wind, Water, & Wildlife festival on the Court-house Square next Tuesday, July 24, at 4 p.m.

NewsChannel 10 from Amarillo will be broadcasting its 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. newscasts from the square at this time.

The festival will include a farmers' market, street dance, food, games, and contests.

Ashtola, Martin school reunion to be Aug. 11

The annual Ashtola-Martin school community reunion will be held August 11 at the Donley County Senior Citizens Center.

Registration starts at 10 a.m., and lunch will be served at noon. Meat, drinks, and paper goods will be furnished. Please bring a covered dish to share.

The Saints' Roost Band and Ray David will provide entertainment.

All friends from the community are invited. For more information, call John or Caroline Rattan at 874-0400.

Perry stands by veto of college funding

Texas Gov. Rick Perry is standing by his veto of \$153.9 million in appropriations for community college employee and retiree health insurance in fiscal year 2008-2009.

Returning from a meeting of all 50 state community colleges in The Woodlands last week, Clarendon College Interim President W.R. Auvenshine said the conference started with a ray of hope but ended with a stiff rebuke from the governor.

"The first two days we were very optimistic, and Perry had even suggested that he had received some bad advice," Auvenshine said. "We were beginning to think that the support for community colleges across the state and even from our representa-

tives in Washington would do some good, and we'd see funds restored through the Legislative Budget Board (LBB)."

But on the last day of the conference - Friday, July 13 - the governor issued a press release defending his veto and saying that community colleges were not following state law in their appropriations requests.

Perry's veto cost Clarendon College more than \$461,000 and has left community colleges across the state searching for ways to deal with reduced funding.

"This takes one-fourth of the state appropriation from each community college district in Texas," Auvenshine said. "But unlike other

districts, Clarendon has no major industry other than farming and ranching, and it's a heavy burden on us because our tax base is so low."

The governor's action has also left community colleges unsure of what they did wrong.

"We're at a loss to figure out where we have not followed the law," Auvenshine said. "(Perry) claims we're paying (state funded) insurance to employees who do not receive state funds. No one admits to doing that, and certainly Clarendon College did not do that."

Perry's opinion piece, which was printed in Sunday's AMARILLO GLOBE-NEWS, claims the governor has overseen a 16.4 percent increase

in funding at community colleges, \$121.1 million, in the past six years.

"How can he say he did that and be proud of the fact when his veto took away more than \$150 million?" Auvenshine asked.

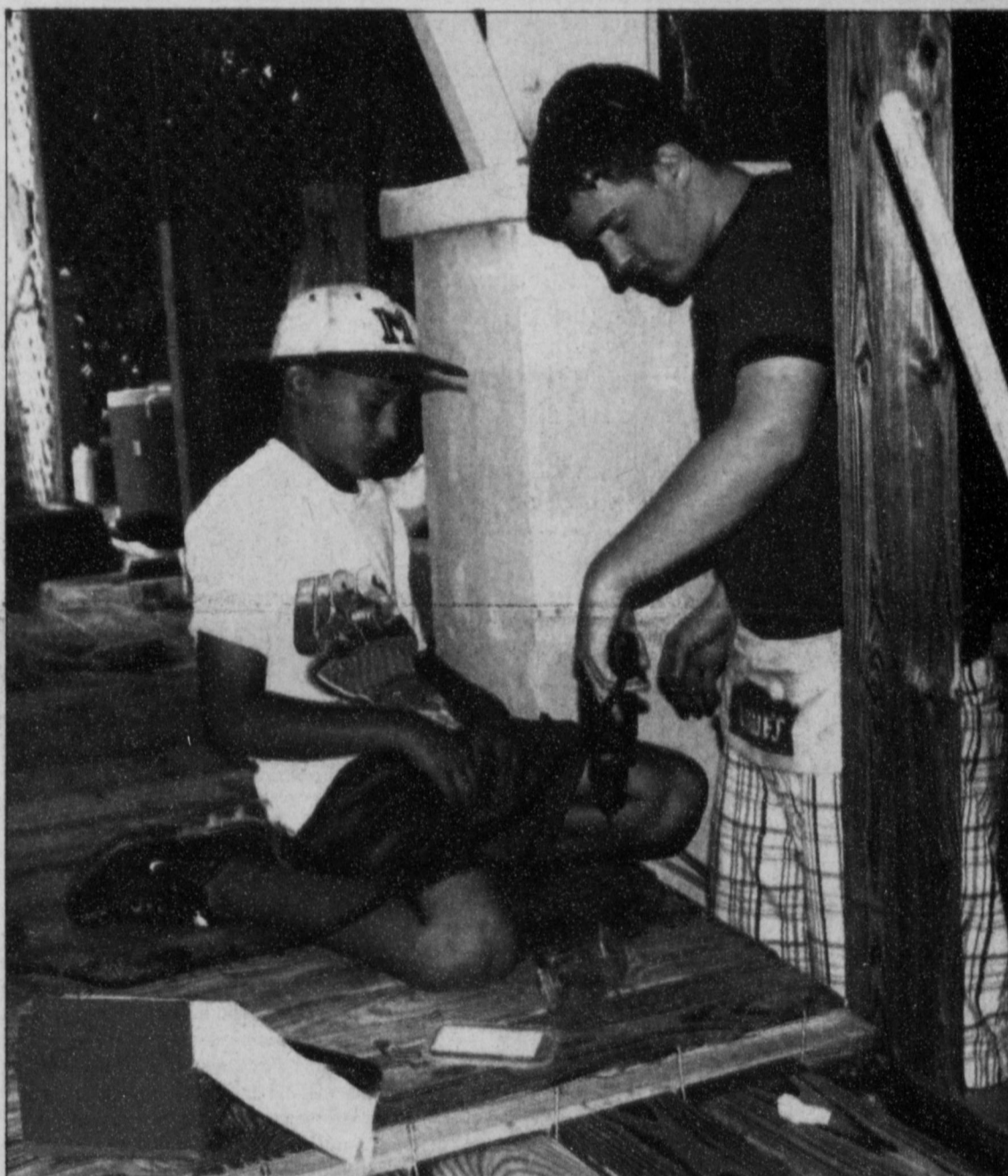
The governor's commentary has dimmed hopes that community colleges had of the LBB being able to reverse the funding cut since Perry would have to approve their action, Auvenshine said. And while community college leaders feel certain the Texas Legislature will restore their funding in 2009, Clarendon and 49 other colleges are left to deal with the loss at hand.

"The Board (of Regents) has taken steps to increase tuition and

will now have to look at increasing taxes," Auvenshine said. "We also do have the possibility of implementing a maintenance tax in Childress and Pampa to support our centers there."

A maintenance tax, voluntarily adopted by those locations and coming with no representation on the college board, could raise \$600,000 for the Pampa Center and \$250,000 for CC's Childress classes, he said. But the soonest Gray and Childress county voters could act on the question would be next May, and the tax wouldn't be collected until 2009.

Until another solution is found, Auvenshine said the burden for Perry's veto will fall on students and local taxpayers.



Do unto others...

Kaleb West of Midland, 13, and Tyler Harlow of Austin, 16, work together on a wheelchair ramp at the home of Joe and Barbara Sullivan last Friday. Sixty-five youth and adults from St. Phillips United Methodist in Roundrock, First Church in Midland, and Clarendon youth joined forces for mission work here. Community service projects were their main focus as they completed tasks in Clarendon and Howardwick. In addition to painting, cleaning, and helping out wherever they could, the group's goal was to complete seven wheelchair ramps at different locations. The ramps varied in length from six feet long all the way up to 46 feet long.

Enterprise Photo / Anndria Kidd

Wheat harvest looking great

By Anndria Kidd, Clarendon Enterprise
Wheat harvest is turning out to be a success for local and area farmers as this season is nearing completion.

Donley County Extension Agent Lynard Haynes predicts that 85 to 90 percent of farmers in the Panhandle are finished with this year's harvest and are turning in a substantial amount of wheat compared to years past.

"We didn't have high yields like this last year, and the price of wheat is also up," said Haynes.

Calvin Burrow with Attebury Grain, Inc., in Claude reported

yields at an average of 50 to 60 bushels per acre. Attebury has also reported yields as high as 79 and 80 bushels to the acre.

According to Burrow, this year's wheat is bringing as much as \$5.40 per bushel and higher. This is up substantially from last year when the average bushel of wheat only brought \$3.70.

Early on, Attebury accepted wheat crops that had good test weight, but as harvest continued they began receiving wheat with high foreign material (FM) levels as a result of weeds. Overall, Burrow said the grain quality and yields are

up tremendously from recent years.

Although this has been an excellent year for wheat farmers, they have been faced with a few setbacks.

High humidity and rain have slowed down the process, as farmers have only been able to run for a few hours out of the day because of moisture levels. Local farmers are more familiar with low humidity that would allow them to combine for most of the day.

As weather conditions cleared, farmers were back on track; and Burrow said they were expecting their last load of wheat this week.

City takes action against property

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen took action last week to clean up a piece of property that has long been an eyesore and a detriment for the properties around it.

City leaders heard from neighbors in a public hearing who complained that the property at 107 E. Front was infested by ticks, fleas, mice, and rats. Citizens also complained that the residents at that address were frequently seen defecating and urinating outside.

Michael Rhinehart spoke on behalf of the neighbors and said the entire neighborhood was deteriorating because of the condition of the property. He also said that people tend to dump garbage at that location when the citizen's convenience center is closed.

City officials said Adult Protective Services have been called in on the case to move the residents.

Following the public hearing, the board voted unanimously to declare 107 E. Front as a health hazard, a public nuisance, and a dangerous structure. Clean up on the property is to begin immediately.

In other city business, Lauraine Paul addressed the board concerning a Quiet Zone for the railroad through town. She said train whistles are a nuisance and said the railroad doesn't provide any service to the community as it did years ago. The city would have to request the Quiet Zone for a half-mile inside the city limits and would be responsible for certain signage related to the zone.

Mayor Mark White said he'd like to hear input from other citizens before the city takes action on a Quiet Zone.

Paul also discussed stray animals in her neighborhood, particularly stray cats and people who board strays. The city has an employee who is also the animal control officer, Stormy Mayberry, who responds to calls when needed. He said he would see about alternative trapping methods to help get control of the situation.

Carl Draper presented a Citizen's Participation form to address the board since he wasn't on the agenda. He said he is paying for three Dumpsters and only wants one. He said he'd like the others picked up so that he wasn't paying to haul other people's trash. City officials will check to see that no one else is paying for the Dumpsters; and if not, they will be picked up.

MaryRuth Peacock also presented a Citizen's Participation form. She sought Motel Bed Tax money to pay for advertising a Wind, Water, & Wildlife Festival on July 24. The board said it could change the city's ongoing radio campaign right away, and a called meeting was set for later last week to approve funds for newspaper ads.

City Clerk Jeannie Molder reported that the North Plains Iris Society donated 100 hybrid irises for City Park, and the bulbs were planted by a visiting missions group of the Methodist Church.

Sales tax receipts fall again

AUSTIN - Local sales tax collections were both up and down last month as state collections surged up 9.3 percent for June, according to Texas Comptroller Susan Combs.

Clarendon received \$23,465.75 for the month, which is down 1.9 percent from the same period one year ago. It's the second month in a row that the city's revenue has dropped slightly, but the year-to-date figure is still running 1.36 percent ahead of 2006.

Hedley's June allocation also dropped to \$301.47, down more than 36.5 percent from last year and down almost 23 percent for the year-to-date.

Growth continued in Howardwick, which saw its sales tax allocation increase more than 55 percent to \$1,038.11 last month. So far, Howardwick is up 18.13 percent for the

year at \$7,038.53. Statewide, Combs sent July sales tax allocations of \$304 million to Texas cities, up 9.5 percent compared to July 2006.

So far this calendar year, city sales tax allocations are up 7.3 percent compared to the same time period last year.

"Sales tax collections continue to grow at a steady pace," Combs said. "Growth in the construction, oil and gas, and retail sectors are helping the current strength of the Texas economy."

State sales tax collections in June and local sales tax allocations in July represent sales that occurred in May and were reported to the Comptroller in June.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, August 10.

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guest commentary

Live Earth concert had several little inconvenient truths

By Patrick Basham

The theme of Saturday's worldwide Live Earth concerts was a call for action against climate change. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's recent reports, heralded as the final word on global warming, inspired both organizers and performers, from Al Gore to Madonna.

Opening the Washington concert leg, Mr. Gore denounced climate change skeptics "who don't understand what is now at stake." Strong words from a public figure flaunting an Oscar comprised of junk science.

Sadly, the IPCC encouraged deeply disturbing departures from sound scientific research that significantly undermine Live Earth's alarmist message. Yet, the problems with the IPCC report go much further than politicized science. They extend to the core of the climate change debate, namely the degree of scientific certainty about the causes and consequences of global warming.

Scientific uncertainty: What level of scientific certainty do IPCC's global warming claims really have?

The gold standard level of scientific certainty is the 95 percent confidence level. This allows a researcher to attest that he or she is 95 percent confident his or her findings are genuine and not due to chance. Claims that fail to meet this standard carry little scientific weight.

Applying this scientific concept to the IPCC report reveals how uncertain are the alarmists' claims. For example, not a single IPCC conclusion about the human sources of global warming meets a 95 percent confidence level standard.

There are, however, 26 claims termed "likely," meaning their chance of being true is greater than 66 percent. To put this into context, you might ask yourself how comfortable you would feel driving a car whose brakes worked only 14 times out of 20.

This has importance for understanding how much genuine scientific knowledge, as opposed to mere political posturing, the IPCC report offers. For example, the key claim — that there has been significant human-caused warming over the last 50 years — is merely "likely," according to the IPCC.

Not one of the IPCC's seven projected man-made weather trends reaches a 95 percent confidence level. This fact makes implausible the claim that human activity is the driver of climate change.

Politicized science: The IPCC's Rules of Procedure mandate not the normal scholarly peer review process but "review by governments." Furthermore, the IPCC states that, "In taking decisions and approving, adopting and accepting reports, the Panel, its Working Groups and any Task Force shall use all best endeavors to reach consensus."

Both rules suggest something other than a process committed to sound science. Science does not proceed by consensus or government review but by reliably replicable, public results always open to doubt and falsification.

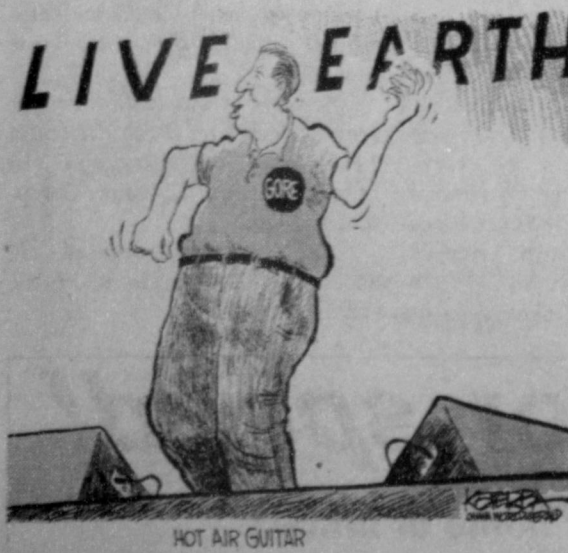
Injecting government review into the scientific process corrupts the process by switching from one in which science drives policy to one in which policy drives science. In truth, these rules reveal the IPCC process for what it really is: politicized science in the service of government, rather than science in the service of the truth.

Some commentators say casting doubt on the science of climate change is the equivalent of Holocaust denial. Such thinking can only come from those who either fail to understand or choose to disown the scientific enterprise.

At the heart of the scientific enterprise is a curious and always difficult tension between certainty and the possibility that certainty can suddenly dissolve. Respectful of that tension, the climate change skeptic asks for two things: first, to bring the normal standards of scientific evidence to the climate debate; and, second, to make certain there is not some politically driven and premature closure of what is a scientific controversy.

Live Earth's inconvenient truth is that Al Gore and his friends are wrong about the strength of the climate change evidence. Using normal scientific standards, there is no proof we are causing the Earth to warm, let alone that such warming will cause an environmental catastrophe. To claim otherwise is to be untrue to the skepticism at the heart of science.

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Texas cowboy defines national character

By U.S. John Cornyn

Nothing has done more to define the American character than the image of the Texas cowboy. In the world's eyes, the cowboy is the personification of independence, grit, honesty, humility, geniality and straight shooting, all displayed in wide-open spaces with an unerring sense of right and wrong.

Other states had their pioneers and frontiersmen, but the cowboy was largely a Texas creation. For 300 years, well before Texas joined the United States, Mexican vaqueros ran cattle on horseback across the region. That included a few longhorns, originally imported from Spain.

But as the nation began to heal after the Civil War, Texas's first major industry was born. The bustling north needed beef. Texas had cattle. The trail drive phenomenon — moving herds across vast, unoccupied plains northward towards railroad loading points — was soon underway.

The cowboy's heyday lasted only about one generation, from the mid-1860s until the late 1880s. But his impact on the popular imagination is permanent. It started almost immediately. Dime novels began circulating in the eastern U.S. and Europe during the 1870s, vividly dramatizing life on the open range.

Within a few years, Buffalo Bill Cody and others had created Wild West shows to exploit fascination with the frontier. And popular interest appears timeless. The

cowboy is the central figure in an entire genre of literature, movies, and television, the "Western," that will never disappear.

The cowboy remains America's most popular hero. One writer, William W. Savage, says the cowboy, "as a representative of an occupational group, has received more attention than any other workers in the world." In the popular myth, the cowboy combined conservative, traditional social values with hard-fisted frontier justice.

Of course, in reality, life for a 19th century cowboy was hardly glamorous. The work was dirty and often dangerous. Trail rides were long, and the pay was modest, from \$25 to \$40 per month for the average hand, up to \$125 per month for a trail boss.

Newly-settled parts of the U.S. wanted to join the cattle industry, so trail drives went all over the West. *Lonesome Dove* by Larry McMurtry chronicles an epic journey from South Texas to the new territory of Montana. One significant route, the Goodnight-Loving Trail, started in Fort Concho and ended in Pueblo, Colorado.

But the main drive was the Chisholm Trail that started near Fort San Antonio and moved north through Austin to the Red River and on to railheads in Kansas.

Altogether, some five million head of cattle were moved northward from Texas in the late 19th century. The era's end came when barbed wire closed off the open range, and

railroad expansion into production areas made the cattle drives obsolete.

At his best, the cowboy displayed strong, traditional values — courage in the face of the unknown, respect for the land, and a basic faith in ultimate justice. These values live on. The U.S. Congress has specified July 28, 2007, as the National Day of the American Cowboy.

In Texas, several churches are devoted to preserving those values and melding them with teachings of the Bible. In Atlanta, Texas, members of the Cass County Cowboy Church have a "western trade day" this month. In Crawford, Texas, parishioners of the Top Hand Cowboy Church are staging a "Boots for Bibles" campaign and other celebratory events.

In Fort Worth, at the historic stockyards, an all-day celebration is planned for July 28, including living history presentations, a small cattle drive, and a parade.

The cattle industry remains a thriving bulwark of the Texas economy today — even as increasing parts of our traditional grasslands are occupied by wind farms or residential subdivisions. Today's cattle may well be herded by a cowboy flying a helicopter.

But the Texas horizon will forever include the silhouette of a lone soul, in a tall hat, sitting on a strong horse — helping lead cattle to market and moving Texas forward on the road to greatness.



Texans recovering from flood disasters

Sam Houston once said, "Texas has yet to learn submission to any oppression, come from what source it may."

The recent floods in north and central Texas are a tragic reminder of the devastating impact natural disasters have on our families, businesses, and communities. In recent years, our state has weathered hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, droughts, and wildfires in unusual frequency and severity. However, when disaster strikes, we rise to the challenge and recover. As your senator, I am committed to helping Texans in every possible way.

Earlier this month, I saw firsthand some of the flooding that impacted over 6 million Texans across 49 counties. In some places, entire neighborhoods were underwater, and families were forced to evacuate to higher ground. Roads I had traveled with my family near Lake Texoma only a few weeks ago were completely submerged.

To help Texans recover and rebuild, I have worked directly with the president's administration and the governor's office to obtain federal disaster declarations for a growing number of counties affected by recent flooding. A federal declaration makes grants and loans available for recovery efforts, such as basic home or business repairs and the rebuilding of vital public infrastructure. In some cases, federal assistance is also available to offset economic setbacks like business or agricultural losses. Archer, Bell, Burnet, Cooke, Coryell, Denton, Eastland, Grayson, Hood, Lampasas, Parker, Starr, Tarrant, Victoria, Webb, Wichita, and Williamson counties have received disaster declarations and are now eligible to request federal aid.

Unfortunately, flooding is not the only natural hazard to affect our state. Few Texans can forget the destructive impact Hurricane Rita had on our coastal region. This powerful storm struck while much of the Gulf Coast was still reeling from the effects of Hurricane Katrina. Many Texans who had welcomed displaced neighbors into their homes suddenly became victims themselves.

As federal relief efforts focused on other Gulf Coast states, I worked to ensure that Texans hit by Hurricane Rita received equal treatment alongside our neighbors.

Federal authorities initially proposed to reimburse local governments in Louisiana for 90 percent of their recovery costs, while compensating Texas cities and counties for a significantly smaller amount. But, Hurricane Rita didn't discriminate along state lines, and neither should the federal government. Working with my colleagues, I was able to enact the same reimbursement rate for Texas and secure billions in aid for rebuilding efforts.

Our farming and ranching communities have also been hard-hit by disasters. Last year, drought and wildfires caused an estimated \$4.1 billion in crop and livestock losses in nearly 200 Texas counties. These losses were overwhelming for many of the families and individuals in our vital agriculture industry. Thankfully, working



capitol comment
by sen. kay bailey hutchison

with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Congress helped offset these losses and brought significant disaster assistance to our Texas producers.

While we cannot predict when and where natural disasters will strike, proper advance planning is vital to the protection of our families and the rebuilding of our communities. I urge you to do your part by making sure that you and your family have a safety or evacuation plan ready for floods, fire, severe storms, tornadoes, and — if you live in a coastal area — hurricanes. I also encourage you to obtain realistic insurance coverage for your home or business, as no government relief will ever be entirely sufficient. You can visit the Department of Homeland Security's website, <http://www.ready.gov>, for emergency planning advice and practical tips.

If your family or business has been a victim of a natural disaster, please feel free to contact FEMA or my office at <http://hutchison.senate.gov> to find out what assistance may be available. We are not able to prevent natural disasters, but working together we can protect our families and communities and help rebuild when calamities occur.



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Enterprise Photo / Ashlee Estlack

Extension to offer food manager certification

AMARILLO - The typical American household spends an average of \$2,634 on food away from home each year.

To assist area food establishments in providing food that is safe for their customers, Texas Cooperative Extension of Potter, Randall, and Armstrong counties is offering a two-day food manager certification training course.

"Food Safety: It's Our Business" will be offered Aug. 7-8 at the Texas Cooperative Extension Kimble 4-H Center, 3301 E. 10th Ave., Amarillo.

Food establishments in Potter and Randall counties fall under the Bi-City/County Health Department jurisdiction and have a separate training, said Sue Church, Extension agent in Potter County.

This food manager certification training course is designed for food establishments outside these two counties that also are required by law to have one certified food manager employed, Church said.

If successfully completed, this

course meets the requirement for a food service manager, she said.

Included with the training will be materials and the state food manager certification examination, Church said. Cost of the course is \$89.

For those individuals wanting to test only, the cost is \$50, she said. The deadline for signing up will be July 23.

Food-borne illnesses affecting an establishment are estimated to cost thousands of dollars in lost wages, insurance; and medical bills, Church said.

By attending the course, food-service managers will learn about: Identifying potentially hazardous foods and common errors in food handling; Preventing contamination and cross-contamination of food; Teaching and encouraging personal hygiene for employees; Complying with government regulations; Maintaining clean utensils, equipment and surroundings; and Controlling pests.

For more information, call Church at 806-373-0713.

Retired School Personnel to meet next Monday

The Donley County Retired School Personnel Association will meet Monday, July 23, at 6:00 p.m. at the Family Life Center of the Clarendon Church of Christ.

This will be Game Night. All retired personnel from the public schools or the college are invited to come and enjoy fun and fellowship.

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Thur	12	88°	67°	-
Fri	13	93°	66°	.05"
Sat	14	78°	60°	T
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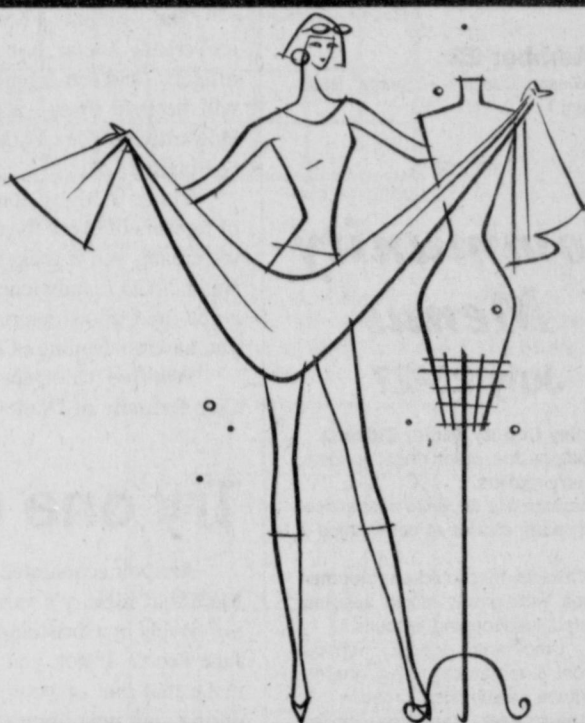
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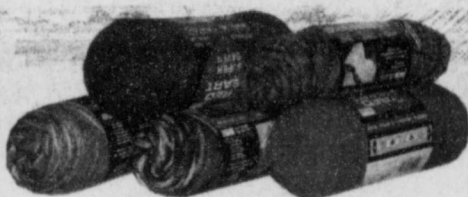
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July 19
Vacation Bible School - Family Night Blast • First United Methodist Church • 5:30 p.m.

July 23
Bulldog Days

July 23 - 26
First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School • 6 p.m.

August 6 - 10
Community Fellowship Vacation Bible School • 5:45 p.m.

August 10 - 15
Clarendon Church of Christ Vacation Bible School • 10 a.m.

August 17
Relay for Life • 6 p.m. - 12 a.m. • Clarendon College Track

August 27
Clarendon CISD Classes Begin

September 22
Chuckwagon Cookoff • Saints' Roost Museum

Community Menus
July 23-27

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Sloppy Joe, onion rings, apricots, blue berry muffins.
Tue: Mexican pile on, pinto beans, rice, tossed salad, chocolate cake, chips & salsa.
Wed: Chicken fried chicken, creamed potatoes with gravy, mixed veggies, pea salad, jello/topping, biscuits.
Thu: Smothered pork chops, macaroni & tomatoes, turnip greens, applesauce, peach crisp, bread.
Fri: Roast beef sandwich, grilled onions, potato salad, watermelon, toast.

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, asparagus, carrot/raisin salad, ice cream, biscuits.
Tue: Cheeseburger, tater tots, lettuce, tomato & onion, muffins, bun.
Wed: Catfish, onion rings, spinach, coleslaw, cobbler, corn bread.
Thu: Chicken pot pie, fried okra, corn, jello salad, pudding, roll.
Fri: Steak & gravy, mashed potato, buttered squash, cantaloupe

Amarillo VFW planning craft show next month

The Amarillo VFW and Ladies Auxiliary will hold a craft show on August 18 to help pay for scholarships, cancer aid and research, military assistance, and a phone card program.

Booth space is available for vendors, and breakfast and lunch concessions will be served.

For more information, contact Carol Holden at 806-674-7845 or Nancy Bourland at 806-679-7520.

Lake visitors responsible for own safety

By MaryRuth Peacock

Drowning claims the lives of nearly 3,000 people every year. Although all age groups are represented, children four years old and younger have the highest death rate due to drowning. Most drowning and near-drowning incidents happen when a child falls into a pool or is left alone in the bathtub.

Safety Tips
Never leave a child alone near water: on the beach, at a pool, or in the bathtub. If you must leave, take your child with you.

Kids don't drown only in pools. Bathtubs, buckets, toilets, and hot tubs present drowning dangers as well.

Enroll children over age three in swimming lessons taught by quali-

fied instructors. But keep in mind that lessons don't make your child "drown-proof."

Always follow posted safety precautions when visiting water parks. If you're visiting a public pool, keep an eye on your kids. Lifeguards aren't babysitters.

Teach your children these four key swimming rules: Always swim with a buddy. Don't dive into unknown bodies of water. Jump feet first to avoid hitting your head on a shallow bottom. Don't push or jump on others.

Be prepared for an emergency. Never consume alcohol when operating a boat. Always use approved personal flotation devices (life jackets).

Don't underestimate the power of water. Even rivers and lakes can

have undertows.

Always have a first-aid kit and emergency phone contacts handy. Parents should be trained in CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation)

Remember Donley County enjoys the benefit of Lake Greenbelt, but it is the Lake-goer who is responsible for their own individual water safety.

Wearing a life jacket at all times you are near to water is the safest and smartest action.

July 24 there will be a festival celebrating Wind, Water, and Wildlife in Donley County along with Channel 10 television.

The public is invited to enjoy sodas, hotdogs, ice cream, and an arts and craft bazaar.

Donley County Extension will

be offering information on safety on the water.

We have received handouts from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers on Water Safety for boat owners and individuals. Come by the Extension Booth for more information. Or you can call 874-2141 for any questions about the Wind, Water, and Wildlife Festival.

Discovering Donley County Club: When was Lake Greenbelt opened and why?

Remember go to the library to turn in your answers and win either a movie rental from Stavenhagen Radio Shack or \$5 gift card from Sonic.

Last weeks answer was THE CLARENDON NEWS, June 1, 1878. Wonder who won the prize?

Hedley Senior Citizens name raffle winners

By Patsy Spier

The Hedley Senior Citizens had a wonderful response to our fundraiser dinner and steak raffle Sunday.

Winners of the five steak packages were Callie Hargrove of Clarendon, Jimmy Hutson of Clarendon, Seth Altman of Memphis, Ronny Hall of Amarillo, and Kathy Spier of Hedley.

With the dinner, ticket sales, and bakery auction, we brought in \$4,300.

The Hedley Senior Citizens is barely hanging on right now, and we really need your support and prayers. If anyone has any ideas on fundraising or people we can write letters to for financial help, please contact me at 806-856-0143, PO Box 216, Hedley, TX 79237.

We would like to invite everyone to come eat with us any day. You don't have to be a "senior citizen" to eat with us. The everyday is \$3 for people over 60 and \$5 for people under 60. We don't have the people for activities any more, but the men play dominoes every day starting around 2 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Twilight Hatters travel to Hedley for meeting

The Twilight Red Hatters traveled to Hedley Sunday to enjoy a meal at the Senior Citizens Center.

Those attending the event were Mary Farris, A'dell Moore, Joy Martin, Patsy Spier, Kathy Spier, Elvie Shields, Thelma Shields, Dortha Reynolds, Patsy Havens, Caroline Rattan, Ruby Jewel Harden, Willene Judd, Josephine Burgess, and Pearl Hermeseyre.

The Twilight Red Hatters were there to show their support in keeping the Hedley Senior Citizens Center open.

DCSC seeks volunteers

The Donley County Senior Citizens is seeking teenagers to volunteer one or two hours a day this summer. Those interested can call Marlee at 874-2665.

Howardwick ice cream social to be Friday

The annual Friendship Club ice cream social honoring elected officials and emergency personnel will be held Friday at 6:30 p.m. at Howardwick City Park with everyone invited.

Think of those long tables full of freezers of every flavor homemade ice cream, and it makes your mouth water. Add sandwiches, dips and chips, and good entertainment, and you have an evening of fun.

Winifred McQueen of Knox City, formally of Donley County and

leader of singing at Martin Baptist, will bring the entertainment. Bring your lawn chair and food and come join us. You won't be disappointed.

The Beautification Club met Monday with six members present. They finalized plans for the spaghetti supper fundraiser. The date has been changed to August 11 with the menu to be spaghetti and all the trimmings, including homemade peach cobbler, being served from 5:30-8:00 p.m. at the park. This event is being held to raise money in order to buy heaters

for the Community Center and make it a year-round facility. It will be nice to have a large Thanksgiving dinner, a Christmas or New Year's party in the facility, which cannot be done now. Mark your calendar for August 11,



'wick picks
by peggy cokerham
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Try one of Peart's Christian fiction novels at library

Are you acquainted with Burton Memorial Library's variety of enticing novels by Christian fiction writer Jane Peart? If not, you may want to make that one of your first projects during your next library visit.

During a personal interview with Jane Peart a few years ago, she revealed the importance in her writing to always depict a "strong independent heroine, not picture-perfect, not always beautiful, but one who must search, even struggle for solutions; one who must dig into her inner self to find a core of strength." Young women of courage and faith are portrayed in all of Ms. Peart's series.

Runaway Heart, Promise of

the Valley, Where Tomorrow Waits, and A Distant Dawn complete the Western Dream Series, bringing to life adventure, romance, and spiritual challenges in the grit and breathtaking beauty of the Old West.

A 14 book series, *Brides of Montclair*, includes such titles as *Senator's Bride, Hero's Bride, Shadow Bride, Jubilee Bride, Folly's Bride, and Mirror Birde*. Ms. Peart told me one of her visits to Virginia inspired this unique series.

Mystery fans will delight with a "double dose" of suspense filled, romantic novels, *Shadow of Fear* and *A Perilous Bargain*, together in one beautiful hardback edition.

These are part of Peart's Edge-

cliffe Manor Mysteries set in the late 1800's, the Victorian era of particular interest to this talented author. According to Peart, "I like pitting my heroine, usually a young woman of strong character and moral integrity, against forces that threaten her." This is well demonstrated in her mysteries.

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book fictionally delves into adventures of three friends after their separation from the Orphan Train.

Peart's American Quilt Series, *The Pattern, The Pledge, and The Promise*, follow three generations of women, beginning in North Carolina mountains, through Civil War, across country to California, to 1880's Hawaii.

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Skillfully written, Jane Peart's novels offer entertaining, inspirational reading appealing to a variety of interests.

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Aaron participates in intership at Johnson Space Center

Billy Aaron of Clarendon High school in Clarendon, traveled to NASA's Johnson Space Center (JSC) in Houston, Texas, on July 15, 2007, to participate in a one-week summer internship.

Nominated by Chris Faucette, he has been selected as one of 314 high school juniors from across Texas to be part of High School Aerospace Scholars (HAS). Billy Aaron has been working to complete 10 web-based assignments during the school

year. He will apply what he has learned during the year, which will challenge Billy to work as part of a team to design a mission to Mars.

The weeklong experience at JSC includes a tour of JSC facilities and briefings by noted NASA employees, including astronauts. Billy and teammates will conclude their experience by presenting their proposal at a luncheon to their parents, members of the Texas Legislature, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Rotary

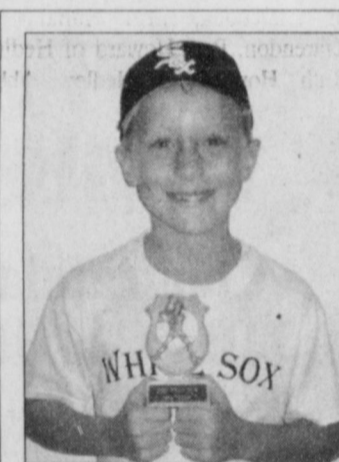
NASA, and JSC senior management.

The State of Texas, in partnership with JSC and the Texas educational community, developed HAS in 1999 to encourage more students to pursue studies and careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). More than 1200 students from across Texas have participated in the program since its inception.

With this program, NASA continues the Agency's tradition of

investing in the nation's educational programs. It is directly tied to the Agency's major education goal of attracting and retaining students in STEM disciplines critical to NASA's future missions, which include missions returning to the moon, on to Mars and beyond.

For additional information, contact Jessica Cejka at 281-483-4853. For information about Texas Aerospace Scholars, visit <http://aerospacescholars.jsc.nasa.gov>.



Eight-year-old Tanner Hooper was named the MVP of his baseball team this year. He is the son of Rusty and Lisa Hooper of Tulia and grandson of Truman and Jean Ledbetter formerly of Clarendon.



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Obituaries

Wetsel

Agnes Justine Terbush Wetsel, 86, died Monday, July 16, 2007, in Groom, Texas.

Services will be held graveside at 10 a.m., Friday, July 20, 2007, at Alanreed Cemetery in Alanreed, with Chris Hatchett, associate minister of North Richland Hills Church of Christ, officiating. Services were under the arrangement of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.

Mrs. Wetsel was born August 6, 1920, to Edwin and Hattie Belle Felkner Terbush in Alanreed. Agnes married James Henry Wetsel on December 16, 1936, in McLean. Before moving to Groom in 2004, Agnes had lived in Borger for 30 years, Clarendon for two years, and Lubbock for 10 years. She had been a homemaker and was a nurse's aide for High Plains Hospital in Borger and Medical Center Nursing Home in Clarendon. She was a member of the Church of Christ in Groom.

Mrs. Wetsel was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, James Henry Wetsel on December 3, 1995; a son, James Gary Wetsel on January 29, 1990; three brothers: Leroy Terbush, Frank Terbush, Tom Terbush; four sisters: Mary Davis, Lorene Tipton, Jenny Smith, and Ellen Stapp.

Survivors include one son, Eldon Richard Wetsel of Midland; one daughter, Carolyn Jean McWilliams



Wetsel

of Howardwick; one sister, Francis Corbin of Groom; seven grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren.

The family request memorials be to Groom EMS.

Hughes

Thomas Urban Hughes, 88, died Saturday, July 14, 2007, in Vernon. Graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, July 16, 2007, at Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon, with Rev. Bruce Howard, pastor of First Baptist Church in Hedley, officiating. Services were under the arrangement of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

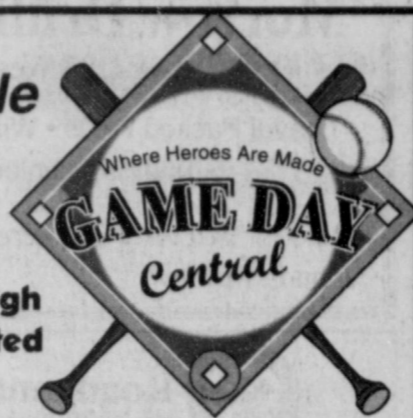
Mr. Hughes was born May 9, 1919, to Thomas Mac and Ella Messer Hughes in Hall Co., Texas. Thomas married Margaret Lee Clark on January 11, 1947, in Hall Co. Thomas had been a life long resident of Lakeview before moving to Donley Co. in 2004. When living in Lakeview, he had spent most of his life farming. He was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II and was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Lakeview.

Mr. Hughes was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Irene Hughes; and a brother, W.M. Hughes.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret; one son, Tommy Hughes of Clarendon; two daughters, Mary Martin and husband Mitchell of Clarendon, and Carolyn Altman and husband Stanley of Vernon; one brother, Rupert Hughes of Plainview; three grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

The family request memorials be to Citizens Cemetery Association, PO Box 669, Clarendon, TX 79226.

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Drugs in the News

New Drug Approved for Sleep Problems

The FDA recently approved a new oral drug for three conditions associated with excessive sleepiness in adults. The drug is Nuvigil (armodafinil), a slightly modified version of Provigil (modafinil), another sleep disorder medicine. Conditions for which Nuvigil may be used include excessive sleepiness associated with narcolepsy, shift work, and obstructive sleep apnea. The drug targets the sleep area of the brain and is considered safer than stimulant-type drugs, such as amphetamines, that are sometimes used for these same conditions. According to news reports, when the drug becomes available in the US, which could be up to 3 years away, it will be provided in 3 strengths to make use of the drug easier in all these conditions. In addition, the company that makes Nuvigil says it plans to study its use in other conditions such as bipolar disorder and for sleepiness in persons with Parkinson's disease.

For persons with shift work sleep disorder, it will be recommended that Nuvigil be given once daily about an hour before the start of the work shift. It is not taken during sleep hours, nor is it intended as a replacement for sleep.



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Local students earn listing on 2007 National Honor Roll

Eleven students from the local area qualified for induction into the 2006-2007 National Honor Roll.

This year's inductees included Randy Adams of Clarendon, Jaci Copelin of Hedley, Paul Goetze of Clarendon, Erin Holland of Clarendon, Pete Howard of Hedley, Ruth Howard of Hedley, Abbie Massingill of Clarendon, Samantha Mendez of Clarendon, Marlee Sargent of Hedley, Danielle Smith of Hedley, and Destiny Smith of Clarendon.

The National Honor Roll recognizes high-achieving high school and middle school students. "Young people such as our inductees, who work hard to attain academic success, deserve to be congratulated," says Lynn Romeo, Publisher of the National Honor Roll. "Honoring their achievements provides motivation and encourages them to continue striving toward their goals. We're proud to include them in the National Honor Roll."

The National Honor Roll offers several benefits that can contribute to the success of its student members. For students in the 2006/2007 school year, National Honor Roll set aside \$25,000 to be shared among 25 of its qualifying inductees. All members are entitled to compete for these National Honor Roll Awards for Academic Achievement, which will be awarded

in December. National Honor Roll's College Admissions Notification Service notifies the admissions offices of as many schools as the inductees designate that they have been accepted into the National Honor Roll and that they are interested in obtaining information about those colleges. Each United States senator and state governor receives a complimentary copy of the National Honor Roll Commemorative Edition, along with a list of the students from their state who have been inducted into the National Honor Roll. Additional complimentary copies of the book are sent to selected school libraries across the country.

The National Honor Roll contacts potentially qualifying students after reviewing information about their academic performance. Each student is asked to submit information about his/her GPA, interests, activities, and future goals.

Only students with a B or better average are eligible to be listed in National Honor Roll. Two-thirds of the inductees in the 2006-2007 National Honor Roll averaged an A- or better; one-third averaged B through B+. 24% were Seniors (Class of 2007); 27% were Juniors (Class of 2008); 24% were Sophomores (Class of 2009); 19% Freshman (Class of 2010); and 6 & were from the Class of 2011.

4-H members place at District contest

AMARILLO - More than 120 youth from 22 Panhandle counties submitted record books to be judged by Texas Cooperative Extension agents and adult volunteers on July 12 at the Amarillo Texas A&M Agricultural and Research Center.

Youth keep detailed records of 4-H projects undertaken throughout the year in order to develop skills in communication, organization, goal setting, problem solving, and documentation, said Angela Burkham, regional 4-H program director.

Winners in the junior and inter-

mediate categories were given blue or red ribbons, Burkham said. The first place senior books will advance to the state competition held on August 15 in Lubbock.

District 1 contestants placing from Donley County were:

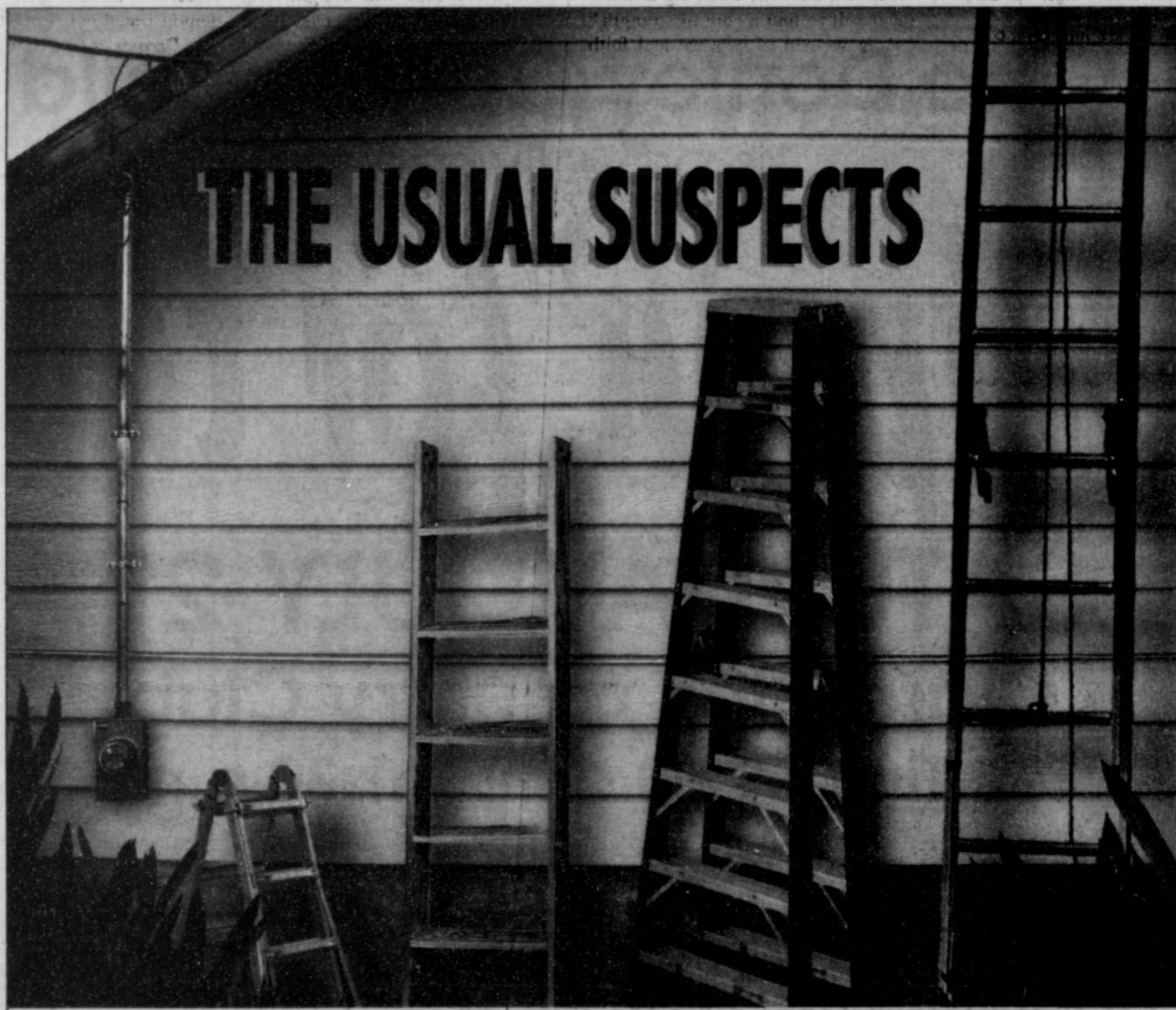
Beef - Intermediates: (blue) Jacob Pigg, Jayson Pigg, and John Pigg.

Public Speaking - Seniors - Paul Goetze.

Sheep - Intermediates: (red) Kenzie Perryman; Juniors: Taylor Perryman.

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Athletic physicals to be given

By Sandy Anderberg

Coach Gary Jack and new Lady Bronco coach Yelverton have announced that Saturday, July 21, is the date of the Bronco and Lady Bronco athletic physicals, which will be held at the Clarendon Medical Clinic beginning at 8:00 a.m.

All incoming 7th, 9th, and 11th graders and new students to the campus are required to receive a physical for the upcoming school year. Also those that were under the care of a doctor during last year are required to receive a physical regardless of grade. The cost of the physical is \$10, which the clinic will donate back to the Bronco and Lady Bronco athletic program.

Students and their parents are also required to sign specific paper work that includes a health form and an acknowledgement of rules. All boys and girls are asked to wear athletic shorts to the physical and bring your signed paper work. High school athletes received their paper work in the mail, and junior high students and new students may pick up their paper work at the clinic on July 21.

Football equipment will be issued on Saturday, August 4, beginning at 10:00 am at the field house.

Practice will begin on Monday, August 6, at 7:30 am. The morning session will run until approximately 12:30 p.m. with an hour break in the middle.

"All athletes are expected to be on time, clean shaven, have a good short haircut, and be present at all practices and meetings," Jack said. "If you have not been able to work out, you still have a couple of weeks before practice begins."

Jack also said that the speed camp will last until the July 26, and the weight room is always open.

"We want the athletes to remember that it's their team; if they want the team to be better, they have to get better," Jack said.

The boys and girls cross-country runners will report to the gym Monday, August 6, at 7:30 a.m. All girl athletes playing other sports at CHS are highly encouraged to participate in cross-country.

"We hope each of the athletes is as excited about this season as we are," Jack said. "Our expectations are always high every year, so come out and get ready for a fun year! We are planning on being in the playoffs in every sport!"

Five teams compete in Friday scramble

By Sandy Anderberg

Twenty-nine players composed five teams in the Friday night scramble, and all five teams finished at three under par, which prompted a five-team putt-off to determine the winner.

After all five teams converted on the first-round putt, the contest moved to the second play-off hole. Two teams made the putt and went to a third hole; and the team of Michael Thompson, Sandy Anderberg, Maxine McLaughlin, Mark Graham, and Brice Graham took first place after they sank the putt.

Bonnie Crofford shot a net 60 to

win the weekly women's game, and Ruth Jackson and Sandy Anderberg tied for second with a 64.

Tom Stauder shot a net 66 to best a field of 10 men on Wednesday for first place in the men's game. Wendol Miller was third with a 67, and Travis Wilson shot a 70 for third. During that game, Dan Ashford, who is 87 years young, shot his age for the round.

The Donley County Welfare Board will be hosting Chippin' For the Children at the CCC on Saturday, July 21, with tee times at 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. See more information elsewhere in this issue.

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Hoedown recalls early days of Old Mobeetie

The Old Town Hoedown, held in Old Mobeetie on June 30, evoked the essence of Wheeler County life during the 1890s. From arrowhead hunts to cavalry maneuvers to the memoirs of Billy Dixon, the event was packed with wholesome family fun remembering the history of Wheeler County.

The Old Mobeetie Texas Association is dedicated to the preservation of the County's early history, specifically Fort Elliott and Old Mobeetie, the oldest town in the Panhandle of Texas.

Over 325 visitors were treated to authentic reenactments of metal forgers, gunsmiths and woodworkers. An old fashioned trading post, run by a man only known as Badger, offered children and adults alike the chance to purchase replicated items of yesterday. The three children who found the specially marked arrowheads were each rewarded with an Indian Head penny from the 1890s. Silver coins, compliments of the First State Bank of Mobeetie and Wheeler, were awarded to the oldest visitor and the one who traveled the farthest.

A beautiful quilt display was provided by Ada Lou Lester, depicting quilting squares from the Depres-

sion era. The fajita meal, cooked by Kevin Romines, on an open fire behind a chuckwagon, was delicious. The homemade desserts and jelly, made and donated by members of the OMTA, were a big hit as well. The organization is so thankful for the dedication of the volunteers who worked at the gate, in the museum buildings, at the food serving station, and anywhere needed to make the event a success.

The Fort Elliott Jr. High and High School Cheerleaders, along with sponsor Tyna Horn, did a wonderful job of providing ice cold lemonade and keeping drinks filled throughout the Billy Dixon presentation, which many people referred to as the best entertainment they had seen in a long time. Marc Ferguson was truly amazing in his portrayal of the Army Scout and hero of the Battle of Adobe Walls and the Battle of the Washita. Sponsors for the entertainment included Wheeler Veterinary Clinic, Ware Chevrolet, Wheeler Feedyards, Red River Dairy, Dr. John Sparkman DDS, Hansord Implement, and Ada Lou Lester.

Members of the Regiment of the High Plains, cavalry reenactors, enjoyed a moment they will never

forget as they rode horseback from the Old Mobeetie Jail to the original site of Fort Elliott Saturday morning. Thanks to the generosity of the landowner, the group was allowed to visit the site and perform a saber and bugle ceremony in honor of the soldiers who once served at the Fort. Reenactors included Colonel Jimmy Northcutt, Cavalry, Miami; Sergeant Maxie Lisman, Cavalry, Panhandle; Private Ed Benz, Cavalry/Buffalo Hunter, Borger; Private Mark Craddock, Cavalry, Pampa; Private Button Criswell, Cavalry, Skellytown; Private Ken Fields, Cavalry, Pampa; Private Mike Hanna, Cavalry, Amarillo; Private John Howsmon, Cavalry, Skellytown; Private Chris Larson, Infantry, Amarillo; Private Tom McGee, Cavalry, Amarillo; Private Billy Miller, Buffalo Soldier, Cavalry, Borger; Private Frank Willmon, Cavalry, Amarillo; and Billy Turpin, Muskogee Creek Comanche Indian, Amarillo.

If you missed this year's event, make plans now to be on hand the last Saturday in July 2008 when life in the early days of Wheeler County will once again be brought to life on the grounds of the Old Mobeetie Jail Museum.



the lion's tale
by roger estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held their regular Tuesday noon meeting with Boss Lion Elect Richard Sheppard handling the gavel.

We had 16 members and one guest this week - Ashlee Estlack, guest of Lion Roger Estlack.

Lion Bobbie Thornberry announced that the club was working on transferring the memberships of Lions Bill Auvenshine and Debra Kuhl to our club.

Plans were discussed for upcoming doe and dove hunts, and Lion Sheppard said he would be bringing a calendar next week to plan future club activities.

Former Dist. Gov. Auvenshine discussed the Texas Lions Camp and gave a brief history of Lionism before installing officers for the 2007-2008 year. The officers are: Boss Lion Richard Sheppard, 1st Vice President Cameron Word, 2nd Vice President Chuck Robertson, 3rd Vice President David Smith, Secretary Russell Estlack, Treasurer Roger Estlack, Tail Twister Jerry Woodard, and Lion Tamer Bobbie Thornberry.

The club unanimously approved separate motions to fine the Secretary and Tail Twister five dollars each for being absent this week.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.

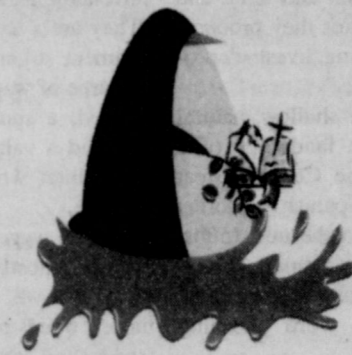
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Rangeland management workshop set for Aug. 17

MIAMI - A workshop and field day designed to help ranchers improve their plant identification skills is set for Aug. 17 at the Mesa Vista Ranch, said a Texas Cooperative Extension agent. The ranch is located 32 miles north of Pampa on U.S. Hwy. 70 in Roberts County.

"Plant Management: The Key to Better Rangeland Management" will begin at 11:30 a.m. with registration and conclude with a ranch tour that includes practical plant identification methods, said Brandon Dukes, Extension agriculture agent in Roberts County.

"Plant identification can aid you in knowing when your rangeland is healthy and when it is being invaded by unwanted plant species," Dukes said. "It can tell you when you have an abundant food supply for cattle or wildlife and when food is in short supply."

Lunch, provided by Mesa Vista Ranch, will be served at noon, he said.

Afternoon topics of discussion and their presenters will be: "Plant ID: Is it Worth the Effort?," Dukes; "Know Your Plants and How to Manipulate Them," J.F. Cadenhead,

Extension range specialist; "Why I Like Weeds," Keith Boone, ranch manager; and "The Value of Plants to Wildlife," Ken Cearley, Extension wildlife specialist.

Three continuing education units, two in the general and one in integrated pest management, will be offered for pesticide applicators, Dukes said.

Registration is free, but participants are asked to make reservations on or before August 10 so meal arrangements can be made, he said. For more information or to register, call 806-868-3191.

Celebration pictures available at www.ClarendonOnline.com/gallery

Proposed Facility for Donley County Activity Center

Friends of Donley County have announced their goals and funding progress for the Donley County Activity Center. This will be a multi-purpose center, for activities for youth and adult education, civic, church, school, public, and private functions. This could also be used as a disaster relief center.

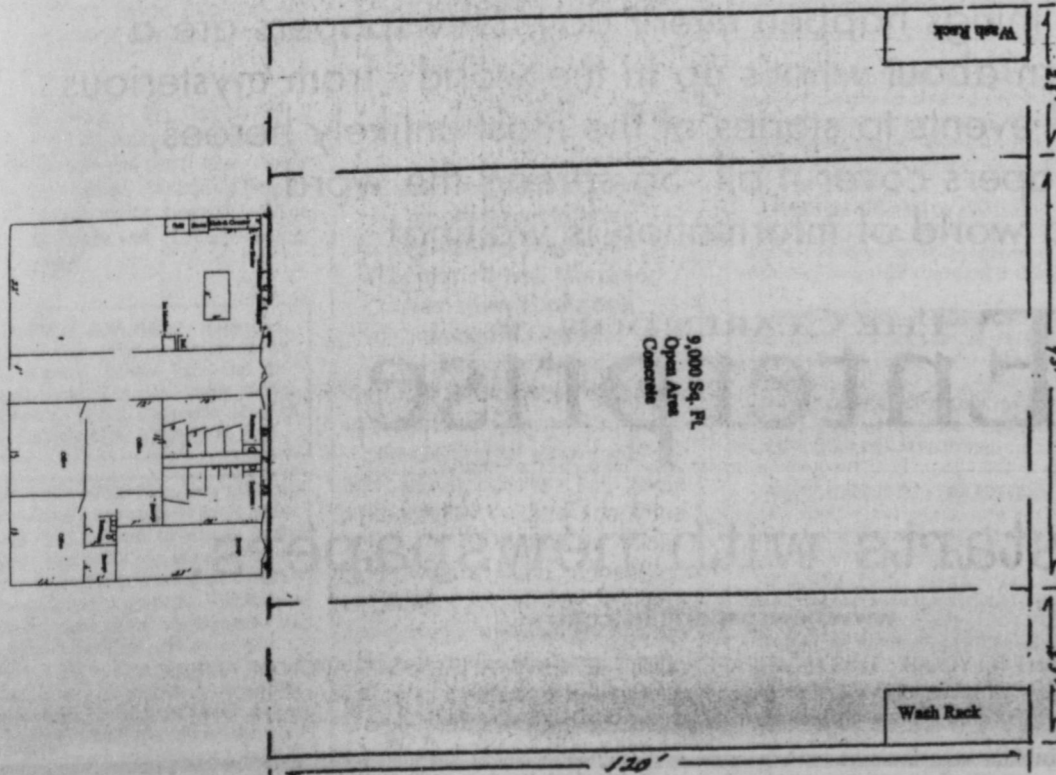
The facility will cover about 17,000 sq. ft. It will house a multi-purpose kitchen, meeting room for 20 to 30 people, and a 9,000 sq. ft. activity room. The Donley County Extension offices will also be in this building. This office area will generate enough income to pay most of the annual expenses.

At the present, the board has about \$40,000 and 4 acres of land on Hwy. 70 North and about \$5,000 in other assets. We are applying for grants to help fund this project, but donations are needed, and we must have money in the bank to show local effort when applying for grants.

The committee plans to honor the donors in the following way.

Bronze	\$1,000 donation	Silver	\$2,500 donation
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The building will be named in honor of the family or individual donating \$100,000. All bronze donors and above will be permanently displayed in the facility. Any donations will be appreciated with the board's 501-C tax status all donations will be tax deductible. Friends of Donley County Board of Directors: President Larry Gray, Treasurer/Secretary Lon Adams, Leonard Haynes, Don Hillis, Danny Bennett, Otis Farris, Dan Hall, James Potts, and Robert Tolbert. Send all correspondence to: Larry Gray, P.O. Box 166, Clarendon, TX 79226. If you have any questions contact Larry Gray at 806-874-2059, Lon Adams at 806-856-5363, or the Donley County Extension Office at 806-874-2141.



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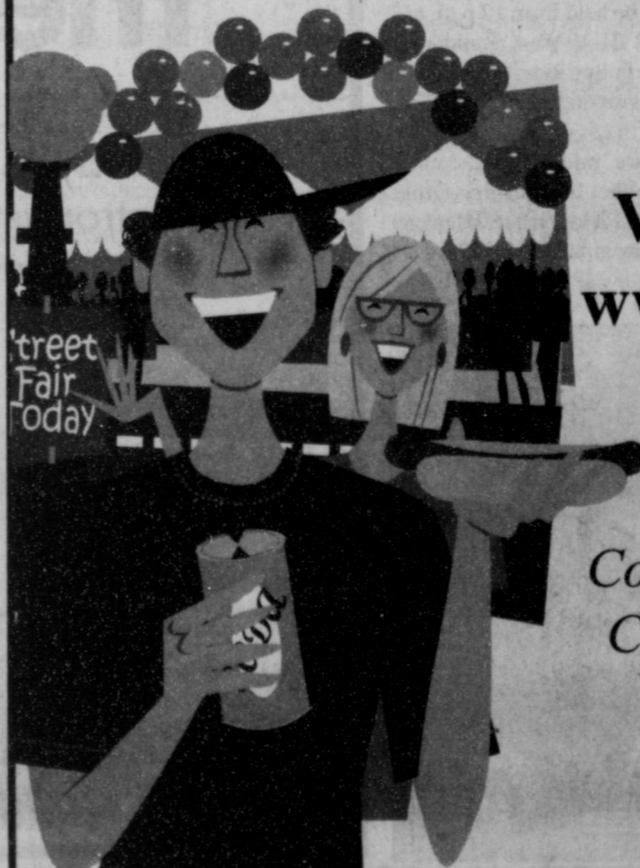
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Playa lakes valuable plains resource

FLOYDADA — So how's your playa...is it holding water during this unusually wet year? Is it sporting a lush bloom of vegetation in the water and on the land surrounding it?

If the answer to either question is yes, your playa lake is doing its job and should be appreciated as an asset, said a Texas Cooperative Extension wildlife specialist.

"Playa are a tremendous asset. But we don't often recognize them as such," said Ken Cearley, Extension wildlife specialist based in Canyon, at a June 27 Playa Lakes Appreciation Day. "They are a natural catchment structure in a semi-arid region. The water they catch and hold, and the plant communities they produce, is valuable for farming, livestock production, and wildlife."

Playa lakes are shallow, natural basins that dot the landscape of a large portion of the Central Great Plains. The early Spanish explorers documented them in the mid-1500s, describing them as "small, plate-shaped, dry ponds" and tagging them with the Spanish word meaning "beach."

"We don't know why they were dubbed playas, and we're not entirely sure how they were formed," Cearley said. "But we do know there are more than 30,000 of them in the playa lakes region in Texas, Oklahoma,

New Mexico, Kansas, Colorado, and Nebraska. They range in size from less than an acre to several hundred acres, and they cover a total of more than 400,000 acres."

Wet or dry, playas help support more than 246 species of wildlife — waterfowl and other birds, mammals, amphibians, and reptiles. They also help recharge the underlying Ogallala Aquifer, a vast underground water source for the Central Great Plains, Cearley said.

"Some of the precipitation captured by playas returns to the aquifer along the perimeter where the clay basin, or bottom, meets other soils surrounding the lake," Cearley said. "They are a natural flood water containment structure in urban settings, a source of water for livestock when flooded, a source of grazing when dry, and a valuable source of wildlife habitat when managed for that purpose."

"The vegetation that grows in playas is mostly annual plants, many of which we consider weeds. But those weeds/plants produce food (seeds) and cover for wildlife such as waterfowl and pheasants."

Landowners can apply a few management techniques to keep playas healthy and functional, the specialist said.

"If you have a playa lake on

farmland that's grazed, or rangeland, consider fencing it off," Cearley said. "Do all you can to maintain or encourage a buffer strip of native vegetation around the playa. A good, functional buffer strip should be at least one to two times as wide as the playa basin it protects."

"The buffer strip will protect the playa from silt and sedimentation resulting from runoff. It also provides a home and food source for wildlife, such as pheasants, quail, and other species. The fence will help you plan and control grazing."

Light to moderate grazing, removing no more than 25 percent of vegetative growth per year, is recommended for overall plant health and to encourage plant and wildlife diversity, he said. Landowners who want to manage playas and the buffer strips around them for pheasants, for example, should consider light grazing or complete deferral. A good rule of thumb is to protect the area from grazing during the growing season, he said.

Prescribed burning can also be an effective tool for playa management, he said.

High-tech tools such as handheld global positioning system units can help landowners map playa lakes, their vegetation and wildlife resources, and integrate them with

an overall management plan, Cearley said.

"Satellite-driven GPS technology, along with Geographic Information Systems software can help you digitally map almost any resource in layers," he said. "For a typical playa lake you might have an aerial photograph layer, a topographic layer, a layer representing periodic water surface area delineation, or a layer showing vegetation types and wildlife distribution."

These map layers can be viewed individually or in combination to aid the inventory and land planning process, the specialist said.

"Internet sites such as the Texas Natural Resources Information System (<http://www.tnris.state.tx.us>) provide free digital maps and aerial photographs that will help you manage your land," Cearley said. "Or you can generate your own maps using GPS/GIS coordinates and mapping software."

Managing playa lakes for wildlife is good land stewardship, Cearley said, but it can also add supplemental income from eco-tourism, bird watching, photography and hunting.

"Some local rural economies are generating significant income from wildlife enthusiasts who want to experience the great outdoors," he said.

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 Marlee Sharp - Donley Co. Senior Citizens at 874-2665

Deadline to sign-up is July 20.

County okays 2008 GOP election judges

The Donley County Commissioners' Court met in regular session July 9 in the Courthouse.

Among the items of business on the court's agenda, commissioners approved a slate of election judges for the Republican Primary next year. Those serving will be Bright Newhouse, Jo Webb, Helen Land, Lura Helms, Bill Carson, Ginger Stone, and Bill Traves.

The court also heard from 4-H parents, who requested the county set aside money in next year's budget to help purchase a new livestock trailer.

County Attorney Landon Lambert addressed the court about his budget request, and the court received budget worksheets from all

county officers.

The VINE service agreement was renewed, and a contract with Anderson Chemical Company to service the courthouse heating and cooling system was approved.

County Clerk Fay Vargas' attendance at a workshop in Austin was authorized, and the court approved having Commissioners Ernest Johnston and Donnie Hall attend a conference on wind energy in Amarillo.

The court did not approve a bill from AT&T for line damages.

A bid on tax delinquent property in Howardwick was accepted.

The court did not approve a proposal for a courtyard memorial to Zell SoRelle.

West Texas deer study group to meet

The West Texas Deer Study Group will have its 10th annual program August 7-8 at the Texas A&M University System Research and Extension Center in San Angelo.

Anyone interested in deer management is invited to attend. The meeting starts with registration at 8 a.m. on August 7.

Sponsors are Texas Cooperative Extension; Texas Parks and Wildlife Department; Natural Resources Conservation Service and Wildlife Systems, Inc. Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension wildlife specialist at San Angelo, said this year's theme is "Enterprise Aspects of the Deer Business."

"The interest in what I call 'intensive' deer management continues to climb in Texas, and throughout the whitetail's range for that matter," Rollins said.

"Our aim for this year's meeting is the business aspects of deer man-

agement; that is, to see why or why not the two schools of thought don't always go together. We'll also have a host of other topics addressing everything from ethics to recipes."

A sampling of those topics includes: "The Business of Deer and Deer Hunting," "Maximum Profits - Minimum Headaches," "Integrated Captive Breeding," "Culinary Side of a Hunting Lodge," and "Cashing in on Does, Culls, and Misfits."

The group was formed in 1998 to advance sound deer and habitat management in West Texas, the region considered west of Interstate 35 and north of U.S. Highway 90, Rollins said.

Individual pre-registration received before July 25 is \$60; registration after July 25 will be \$90 at the door. The fee includes three meals and all program materials.

For more information, contact Rollins at 325-653-4576.

Workers' Comp session offered in Amarillo

AUSTIN — The Amarillo Field Office of the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI), Division of Workers' Compensation is hosting a brown bag educational session for health care providers, employers, human resource managers, claims adjusters, case managers, and employee organizations on Tuesday, July 31, 2007.

The topic is Sub-Claimant's Role

in the Dispute Resolution. This free session will be held from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. at 7112 IH-40 West, Building D in Amarillo. Following a presentation the session is an open forum in which participants may ask questions.

For more information, contact the TDI Public Information Office or Amarillo Field Office Manager Linda Marlow at 806-351-1222.

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MEETINGS

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Clarendon Order of the Eastern Star #6 Stated meetings: First Thursdays, 8 p.m.; Refreshments served at 7 p.m. Margaret Pettit - W.M. Naomi Green - Secretary

Clarendon Lions Club Regular meeting each Tuesday at noon. Richard Sheppard, Boss Lon. Russell Estlack, Secretary

THANK YOU

Hedley Senior Citizens would like to thank everyone who helped make our Fund Raiser dinner and Steak raffle a success.

Thank you to Crow Hollow, Memphis Thriftway, one of our food salesmen out of Amarillo, Ray's Fruit Stand of Hedley, Monroe's Peach Orchard of Hedley, everyone who donated baked goods for the auction, everyone who bought tickets on the beef and the businesses who let us come in to sell tickets. We also want to thank Joe David with KLSR in Memphis, KEFH radio in Clarendon, the Hall County Herald and the Clarendon Enterprise plus the communities of Hedley, Clarendon, Memphis, Howardwick and Lelia Lake. We want to express a special thanks to Clovis McCary for being the auctioneer during the bake auction; he did a wonderful job, the Twilight Red Hatters; they really spruced up the day and Channel 10 News for coming down to do a story on us.

The Hedley Lions Club would also like to say thank you to everyone who brought baked goods and for the overall donations in support of the Hedley Senior Citizens.

Thanks again, Hedley Senior Citizens & Hedley Lions Club

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You, and each of you, are commanded to appear and to answer before the 100th Judicial District Court of Donley County, Texas, at the Donley County Courthouse, at 220 W. 4th Street, Clarendon, Texas 79226, at or before 10 a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, being at or before 10 a.m. on Monday, August 27, 2007, then and there to answer the First Supplemental Petition of Marjorie Roy, Individually and as Trustee in cause Number DCV-06-06287, styled Marjorie Roy, Individually and as Trustee v. Gerald Edward Shipman, et al. and H. Z. Moore, if living, and if deceased, the unknown heirs of H. Z. Moore, and Don D. Montgomery, if living, and if deceased, the unknown heirs of Don D. Montgomery.

The Plaintiff's First Supplemental Petition filed on July 9, 2007, discloses that the nature of the suit is as follows:
The Plaintiff's First Supplemental Petition

LEGAL NOTICES

seeks a judgment against the defendants cited herein to confirm and ratify the court's Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the above-reference cause on October 30, 2006, wherein the court ordered partition of the Northwest one-fourth (NW 1/4) of Section No. 39, Block 21, Certificate No. 11/2173, Abstract No. 78, H&G RR Co. Survey, Donley County, Texas, containing 160 acres of land, more or less, and appointed a receiver to sell the property, for attorney's fees, related equitable relief, and costs of court. Defendants each are believed to hold a 6000/19800ths interest in the foregoing described real property.

The attorneys for the plaintiff are Charles G. White, 500 S. Taylor, Suite 505, LB 201, Amarillo, Texas, Telephone (806) 342-0145, Fax (806) 342-0705 and Garland D. Sell, Sell & Griffin, 504 South Polk, Suite 101, Amarillo, Texas 79101, Telephone (806) 374-3765, Fax (806) 374-4269.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve it and make due return according to requirements of law, and the mandates of this citation.

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Sheriff's Report: Officers respond to variety of calls

July 9, 2007
 1:03 p.m.- Away from radio
 2:33 p.m.- 500 Blk. E 2nd; disturbance
 2:39 p.m.- To jail with one male in custody; assault family member
 6:03 p.m.- Check report of house fire 800 Blk. W. Montgomery St.

July 10, 2007
 1:24 a.m.- Disturbance 300 Blk E. 6th St.; fireworks
 9:23 a.m.- Semi blocking outside lane 800 Blk. W. 2nd St.
 1:32 p.m.- Transport from jail to residence; Kearney St.
 9:15 p.m.- Meet and follow caller to rural location

July 11, 2007
 8:43 p.m.- Out at the jail

July 12, 2007
 12:32 a.m.- Check vehicle parked in alleyway, 700 Blk. W. 2nd
 9:00 a.m.- Dispatched to Sheriff's Office
 9:54 a.m.- Welfare check 4th & Taylor St.
 10:46 a.m.- Escort funeral procession
 2:43 p.m.- See caller, vehicle abandonment on private property, 600 Blk. E. 4th St.
 3:00 p.m.- Dispatched wrecker
 7:34 p.m.- EMS assist 900 Blk. W.

July 13, 2007
 12:30 p.m.- 900 Blk. E. Montgomery, see complainant
 12:39 p.m.- To jail with one male in custody; assault family member
 12:57 p.m.- To jail with one male in custody; out of county warrant(s)
 8:44 p.m.- Business alarm, Medical Drive

July 14, 2007
 12:13 a.m.- Caller reporting suspicious activity, N. Goodnight St.
 8:07 a.m.- Truck accident, I-40; gravel on roadway
 1:07 p.m.- Reported family dispute

July 15, 2007
 2:03 a.m.- Disturbance at Sandy Beach, Greenbelt Lake
 11:21 p.m.- Business alarm 100 Blk. E. 3rd St.

10:28 p.m.- Single vehicle accident Co Rd T, Clarendon White St.
 in progress, 900 Blk. W. 2nd St.
 2:38 p.m.- Scooter accident, Gruper St., Howardwick
 3:34 p.m.- At jail
 4:47 p.m.- To jail with one male in custody
 5:29 p.m.- See complainant 400 Blk., Sully St.
 8:04 p.m.- Fight in progress, Kincaid Park; also dispatched EMS
 10:10 p.m.- Check reported smell of smoke, 500 Blk. E. 4th St.

Texans to get second chance for tax-free shopping weekend

AUSTIN — Comptroller Susan Combs announced that the date for the annual sales tax holiday has changed from the first weekend of August to the third weekend of August. Combs also said backpacks, a standard item on many kids' school supply lists, can now be purchased tax free during the sales tax holiday.

"From now on, the sales tax holiday will occur on the third Friday, Saturday and Sunday of August," Combs said. "This year, the date is August 17-19."

Since many school districts are now starting their school year later, the 80th Legislature changed the date of the sales tax holiday to move it closer to the first day of school.

During the sales tax holiday, children's and adults' clothing and shoes priced less than \$100 — and now backpacks that cost less than \$100 — are exempt from state and local sales taxes.

"The Legislature responded to parents' requests to add backpacks to the list of tax-exempt items," Combs said. "Backpacks can be expensive, especially for parents who have to buy them for several children. A tax

break helps."

Combs also announced that, starting in May 2008, energy-efficient appliances will be exempt from sales tax during the three-day Memorial Day weekend. Certain appliances with a federal Energy Star rating will be tax-free, including washing machines, dishwashers, ceiling fans, dehumidifiers, programmable thermostats, and incandescent fluorescent light bulbs. Air conditioners priced at \$6,000 or less and refrigerators priced at \$2,000 or less can also be purchased tax free.

"Texas consumers will save about \$8 for every \$100 they spend on qualifying appliances," Combs said. "Even more importantly, they will reap savings on their utility bills by purchasing energy-efficient appliances, and the demand for electricity will be reduced."

The Comptroller predicts families will save about \$52.1 million in sales taxes during the August sales tax holiday.

More information about the August sales tax holiday for clothing and shoes can be found at www.window.state.tx.us.

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Clarendon Family Medical Center is pleased to announce Devah Pittman, P.A.C., (front and center) has joined our staff. Devah attended Clarendon College and graduated with a Bachelor's of Science from West Texas A&M University before studying to be a Physician's Assistant at the University of St. Francis in Albuquerque. Devah has always had a special interest in rural health care, and she loves the Panhandle and the people of Clarendon and is now accepting appointments and new patients.

We would also like to welcome Janice Bennett (to Devah's left) as our new receptionist, who is ready to meet and greet patients and assist them with scheduling their appointments.

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